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REGIONAL COOPERATION

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of regional cooperation (agenda item 14) at its 1st to 3rd, 8th, 11th and 13th to 15th meetings, on 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 23 and 26 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1992 (E/1993/46);

(b) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1992 (E/1993/48);

(c) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1992 (E/1993/52);

(d) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1992-1993 (E/1993/53);

(e) Summary of the Economic Survey of Europe in 1992-1993 (E/1993/54);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/1993/80);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1993/85).

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2. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 12 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 12 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic Commission for Africa, who also introduced the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 12 July, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Romania, China, Japan, Bangladesh, Poland, Austria, Ukraine, Chile, Morocco, Belarus, the Republic of Korea, Benin, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, the United States of America and Mexico and the observers for Uruguay, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Iraq and Cameroon.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

7. At the 8th meeting, on 15 July, the representative of Spain, on behalf of Morocco and Spain, introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.1) entitled "Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar". Subsequently, France and Italy joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. At the 13th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.1 (see para. 42 below, draft resolution I).

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

9. At the 8th meeting, on 15 July, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of Benin, Chile, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mexico, Nigeria and Togo, introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.2) entitled "Strengthening the role of the regional commissions". Subsequently, Algeria, 1/ Brazil, Senegal 1/ and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

10. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, the words "Noting with satisfaction" were replaced by the words "Noting with interest";

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "as a continuing process to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global and regional entities" were replaced by the words "in order to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global, regional and national entities";

(c) In operative paragraph 2, the word "Endorses" was replaced by the words "Takes note of";

(d) Operative paragraph 3, which read:

> "Recommends to the General Assembly that, in resuming its consideration of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it adopt the recommendations made by the regional commissions for the strengthening of their effectiveness in order that they may play a greater role, including coordination among United Nations organizations and entities at the regional level under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council",

was replaced by the following text:

> "Recommends to the General Assembly that, in connection with the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it consider the recommendations made by the regional commissions".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.2, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution II).

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA II), 1993-2002 and fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

12. At the 11th meeting, on 20 July, the observer for Cameroon 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.3) entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000". Subsequently, Algeria, 1/ Benin, Botswana, Cuba, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, 1/ Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, 1/ Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania 1/ and Yemen 1/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and Morocco and the observer for Algeria.

14. At the 13th meeting, on 22 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) The title of the draft resolution which read "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000", was amended to read "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA II), 1993-2002 and fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization";

(b) The words "taking into account the needs and interests of other groups" were added at the end of the of the second preambular paragraph;

(c) Operative paragraph 4, which read:

"Invites States Members and the organizations of the United Nations system to give full support to the measures taken by the Cameroonian Government to ensure the success of the Conference"

was replaced by the following:

"Welcomes the measures adopted and still to be taken by the Government of Cameroon with a view to ensuring the success of the Conference, and invites States Members and the organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to its full success".

15. Following statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Brazil, Cuba, Benin, Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Colombia, the Russian Federation, Austria, Morocco and Guinea and the observers for Cameroon and Algeria, the second preambular paragraph was further amended by replacing the words "to respond more fully to the needs of Members States, in particular the developing countries, taking into account the needs and interests of other groups" by the words "to respond more fully to the needs and interests of all Member States, in particular the developing countries".

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.3, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution III).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

17. Chapter I, section A, of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1993/85) contained 10 recommendations for action by the Council.

Non-participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe

18. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendation, contained in decision A (48) of the Economic Commission for Europe (see E/1993/85, para. 1), that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe as long as the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the General Assembly (see para. 43 below, draft decision I).

Amendments to the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe

19. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted the draft decision entitled "Amendments to the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe" (see E/1993/85, para. 1), recommended by the Economic Commission for Europe and contained in its decision N (48) (see para. 43 below, draft decision II).

Venue of the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

20. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendation (see E/1993/85, para. 2) that the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Council for Asia and the Pacific be held in New Delhi, India during the period February to April 1994 (see para. 43 below, draft decision III).

Resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

21. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific" (see E/1993/85, para. 3), recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. The draft resolutions contained a resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

22. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the word "Concerned" was replaced by the word "Noting", and the words "particularly from the United Nations Development Programme," were deleted after the words "without adequate funds";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "Requests the United Nations Development Programme, in the light of General Assembly decision 46/453, to reconsider its decision regarding" were replaced by the words "Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to keep under review".

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution IV).

Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century

24. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly, at its forty-eighth session,

resolution 49/4 entitled "Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century" (see E/1993/85, para. 4), as adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see para. 43 below, draft decision IV).

Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

25. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa (see para. 42 below, draft resolution V).

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

26. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution II, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

27. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

28. At the same meeting, the Secretary read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the words "to allocate" were replaced by the words "to consider allocating";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, the words "to provide" were replaced by the words "to consider providing";

(c) In operative paragraph 8, the word "to provide increased resources" were replaced by the words "to provide adequate resources".

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VI).

Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

30. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution III entitled "Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

31. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

32. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, the word "Administrator" was replaced by the words "Governing Council";

(b) In operative paragraph 6, the words "the necessary regular budget resources" were replaced by the words "adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget".

33. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VII).

Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

34. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution IV entitled "Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa" (see E/1993/85, para. 5) recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

35. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

36. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "ever widening" were replaced by the word "wide";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "through voluntary contributions" were inserted after the words "additional resources";

(c) In operative paragraph 6, the words "through the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, to ensure the provision of four professional and two local-level posts as well as" were replaced by the words "ensure the provision of adequate staffing and".

37. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of France, Nigeria, the United States of America, Benin, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Spain and China and the observers for Uruguay and Algeria, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VIII).

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

38. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution V entitled "African Institute for Economic Development and Planning" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

39. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

40. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) Operative paragraph 1, which read:

"Urgently appeals to the General Assembly to convert the grant to the Institute into established professional posts in the regular budget as provided in the proposed programme budget for the 1994-1995 biennium of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa";

was replaced by the following text:

"Calls upon the General Assembly, in considering the programme budget for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1994-1995, to take adequate steps to ensure sufficient staffing for the Commission at the Professional level to implement its mandates".

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the words "the General Assembly to provide other types of resources" were replaced by the words "all States to provide extrabudgetary resources";

(c) Operative paragraph 3, which read:

"Calls upon member States to support, at the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and in other relevant fora, the requests for a minimum of four established professional posts for the Institute as part of the Commission's programme budget for the 1994-1995 biennium";

was deleted;

(d) In operative paragraph 4 (para. 3 of the final text), the words "member States" were replaced by the words "all States".

41. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution IX).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

42. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/57 of 30 July 1982, 1983/62 of 29 July 1983, 1984/75 of 27 July 1984, 1985/70 of 26 July 1985, 1987/69 of 8 July 1987, 1989/119 of 28 July 1989, 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 and 1992/45 of 31 July 1992,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 43/179 of 20 December 1988, by which the Assembly declared the period 1991-2000 the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Also referring to resolution 912 (1989), adopted on 1 February 1989 by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 2/ regarding measures to encourage the construction of a major traffic artery in south-western Europe and to study thoroughly the possibility of a permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

Conscious that the project for the permanent link will help offer better prospects for the improvement of the transport networks connected to it and for the development of broader cooperation between Europe and Africa,

Also conscious of the economic impact and regional and interregional integration effects of the project,

Taking account, first, of the considerable work done on the project in terms of the surveying of the Strait of Gibraltar site and the engineering and socio-economic studies carried out and, secondly, of the ongoing programme of work, which, by the end of the year should lead to the choice of the most advantageous solution,

Taking note of the recommendations and conclusions of the evaluation report on the studies relating to the project for the period 1982-1993, 3/ prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, in accordance with Council resolution 1991/74,

1. Welcomes the cooperation on the project between the Governments of Morocco and Spain, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe;

2/ See Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly, Fortieth Ordinary Session (third part), 30 January-3 February 1989, Texts adopted by the Assembly, Strasbourg, 1989.

3/ E/1993/80.

2. Also welcomes the favourable response of the International Tunnel Association and the Centre for Studies on Transport in the Western Mediterranean to the appeal made by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1991/74;

3. Commends the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the work done in preparing the project evaluation report requested by the Council in resolution 1991/74;

4. Invites the scientific and technical institutions concerned to take part in the special session on the permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar, which will be held at Cairo in April 1994, under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe and the International Tunnel Association;

5. Invites the States concerned and the competent bodies to cooperate with the Governments of Morocco and Spain in carrying out studies for the implementation of the project and to take part in the International Colloquium on the Permanent Link, which will be held at Seville, Spain, in 1994;

6. Requests the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to take an active part in the follow-up to the project and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995;

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General to give his full support to the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to enable them to carry out the above-mentioned activities and, within existing priorities, to provide them with the necessary resources.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1992/43 of 31 July 1992, as well as General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/145 of 17 December 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992,

Noting with interest the recommendations made by the regional commissions, in response to General Assembly resolution 46/235, to strengthen their effectiveness, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, 4/

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation, 5/ including the account of steps being taken to decentralize

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4/ A/47/534.

5/ E/1993/85.

functions and responsibilities to the regional commissions in order to strengthen the regional presence of the Organization and to enhance its effectiveness,

1. Reaffirms its support for decentralization in order to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global, regional and national entities in the economic, social and related fields;

2. Takes note of the measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the work of the Organization at the regional level, and urges him to continue his efforts in that direction, as appropriate;

3. Recommends to the General Assembly that, in connection with the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it consider the recommendations made by the regional commissions.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA II) 1993-2002 and fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Industrial Development Board decision IDB.9/Dec.16 of 22 May 1992, in which the Board accepted the offer of the Government of Cameroon to act as host for the fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at Yaoundé from 6 to 10 December 1993,

Considering the importance of the Conference, one of whose objectives will be to reassess the role and mission of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, with a view to increasing its effectiveness and enabling it to respond more fully to the needs and interests of all Member States, in particular developing countries,

Bearing in mind the joint African position on the revitalization of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its 11th meeting, held at Mauritius from 31 May to 4 June 1993,

Aware of the need to give high priority to the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

1. Invites Member States and intergovernmental organizations to participate in the fifth session of the General Conference of the Industrial Development Organization;

2. Calls for a constructive dialogue between industrialized and developing countries, with a view to taking satisfactorily into account the legitimate interests and aspirations of Africa in the field of industrialization;

3. Notes with satisfaction the offer of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon to act as host for the fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

4. Welcomes the measures adopted and still to be taken by the Government of Cameroon, with a view to ensuring the success of the Conference, and invites States Members and the organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to its full success.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting resolution 49/1 of 29 April 1993 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/227 of 18 December 1984, by which the Assembly proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/78 of 27 July 1984 on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/75 of 26 July 1991, in which the Council urged all appropriate organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute effectively to the formulation and implementation of a regional action programme for the second half of the Decade, and General Assembly decision 46/453 of 20 December 1991, in which the Assembly endorsed Council resolution 1991/75,

"Reaffirming the importance of phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,

"Noting that it may not be possible to implement the regional action programme effectively and efficiently without adequate funds, and noting the decision of the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council in this regard,

"1. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to keep under review the level of funding to be provided for the implementation of the regional action programme so as to create greater impact from phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific;

"2. Requests bilateral donors to take note of General Assembly decision 46/453, so as to ensure that the programme approved by the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport and Communications will be implemented effectively;

"3. Invites all Governments in a position to do so to contribute to the implementation of the programme approved by the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport and Communications;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the action taken to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session."

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 on the convening of a World Summit for Social Development in 1995,

Convinced that the World Summit for Social Development would provide a unique opportunity to focus the attention of all countries on the main social and human concerns and to promote policies and strengthen international cooperation in order to effectively address these concerns,

Convinced further that Africa has a special stake in the Summit and its outcome,

Cognizant of the continuing severe deterioration of social and human conditions in Africa and the need to reverse this unacceptable situation as a matter of urgency,

Determined to ensure the effective participation of Africa in the preparatory process for the Summit and at the Summit itself,

1. Urges States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to actively participate in the preparatory activities of the Summit, particularly the meetings of the Preparatory Committee set up by the General Assembly;

2. Underscores the need for members of the Commission to adopt an African common position on the issues to be discussed by the Summit;

3. Decides that an African common position on the issues before the World Summit for Social Development should be formulated by the January 1994 meeting of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Human Development, which should serve as the regional preparatory meeting for the Summit;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to prepare, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity and

other African regional and subregional organizations, the necessary documentation for the meeting, including a draft African common position on the issues before the Summit;

5. Requests further the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit the African common position to the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Summit, which is scheduled to be held in New York from 31 January to 11 February 1994.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989 proclaiming the period 1991-2000 the second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992 that adopted the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade and decided to adjust the period for the Decade to cover the years 1993-2002,

Bearing in mind the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 739 (XXVII) and its decision Dec. 1 (XXVII) of April 1992 on industrial development in Africa,

Aware of the need to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Considering the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992,

1. Mandates the 11th meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, to be held in Mauritius from 31 May to 4 June 1993, to examine the plan of action to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and make any recommendations thereon;

2. Reiterates its appeal to the United Nations Development Programme to consider allocating under the regional component of its fifth programming cycle for Africa (1992-1996) adequate resources for supporting the activities of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade;

3. Appeals to financial institutions, particularly the World Bank, the African Development Bank and other financial institutions, to consider providing full support to the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and contribute effectively to the financing of identified projects in the implementation of the programme at the national, subregional and regional levels;

4. Specifically urges African countries to give priority to the mobilization of their own financial resources through increased domestic savings and better management of national resources for the financing and implementation of the programme of the Decade;

5. Invites African countries and African development institutions to take the necessary measures to create an enabling environment conducive to domestic, foreign, private and public industrial investment;

6. Urges African countries to promote the private sector and involve them fully in decision-making and implementation of the programme of the Second Industrial Development Decade;

7. Invites African countries to provide adequate support to African entrepreneurs in order to promote the development of small- and medium-scale industries;

8. Requests the General Assembly to provide adequate resources to the Economic Commission for Africa for the Decade, especially to strengthen industrial cooperation in the implementation of the Decade;

9. Further requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to further harmonize their activities to support member States in their efforts and ensure the effective implementation of the Decade.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 710 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991 in which the programme of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade was adopted,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991 by which the implementation of the Second Transport and Communications Decade programme was launched,

Referring to General Assembly decision 46/456 of 20 December 1991 approving the launching of the Decade programme and providing resources for its implementation,

Further referring to resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/Res.91/84 and ECA/UNTACDA/Res.93/89 of 8 February 1991 and 12 March 1993 respectively of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning approving and launching the implementation of the programme of the Second Decade,

Having considered the report of the ninth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, held in Addis Ababa on 12 and 13 March 1993,

Bearing in mind that the first mid-term evaluation and review of the programme of the Decade is scheduled to take place in 1994,

Noting that new projects would be prepared for inclusion in the programme in 1995,

Recognizing the importance of resource mobilization and other promotional activities for the successful implementation of the Decade programme and projects at national, subregional and regional levels,

Noting with appreciation the immense support which the United Nations Development Programme has provided for the preparation and launching of the Second Decade programme.

1. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to favourably consider and continue to finance activities in support of the implementation of the Decade programme during the fifth programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. Appeals to individual African and international financial institutions to increase their support for and facilitate the financing of projects and activities of the Second Decade programme;

3. Further appeals to African member States to ensure and actively pursue the implementation of the Second Decade projects;

4. Calls upon the member institutions of the Resource Mobilization Committee, especially the African Development Bank as Chairman of the Committee, to carry out resource mobilization and promotional activities to enhance the successful implementation of the programme;

5. Requests the Economic Commission for Africa in its capacity as lead agency, together with all the relevant mechanisms of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade, to:

(a) Carry out the first mid-term evaluation of the programme of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa in 1994, as stipulated in the implementation strategy;

(b) Revise the objectives and strategy of the Decade programme in the light of changed circumstances, if need be, in consultation with member States;

(c) Assist member States and African intergovernmental organizations to prepare and screen new projects for inclusion in the programme in 1995 as stipulated in the programme implementation plan, in consultation with member States; 6/

(d) Organize two regional workshops on the Second Decade to disseminate the strategy and promote the objectives of the Second Decade in Africa;

6. Requests the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget, to enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out the activities listed in paragraphs 5 (a) to (d) above in its capacity as lead agency of the Second Decade;

7. Further requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to report to its next meeting on the progress made in implementation of this resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned by the wide North-South gap in the flow of vital information as well as in acquisition and utilization of information technology,

Conscious of the importance of information in fostering African regional cooperation and integration, in particular through strengthening of existing regional groupings and the establishment of the African Economic Community,

Bearing in mind the need to establish data networks and databases as specified in the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community, as well as the emphasis on information technology delineated in the Lomé IV Convention,

Recalling also Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolutions 716 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991, 726 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992 and 732 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992,

Appreciative of the continuing support given by the International Development Research Centre to the Pan-African Development Information System's activities to strengthen the information capabilities of member States,

Appreciative also of the support given by 11 member States for their submission of the project "Information Technology for Africa" for further consideration by the European Commission in the framework of the Lomé IV Convention,

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6/ DOC/UNTACDA/MIN/04/Rev.3 of March 1991.

Noting with satisfaction the performance of the Economic Commission for Africa's Development Information System in the delivery of technical assistance to member States,

Noting with further satisfaction the proposals of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to incorporate the activities of the System into the programme budget of the Commission,

Bearing in mind the need to strengthen the Commission's subregional development information centres as information support for subregional economic cooperation and integration,

Noting with concern the decreasing availability of extrabudgetary resources for implementation and utilization of development information systems and technology,

Further noting with concern the precarious financial situation of the Pan-African Development Information System and the need to end its reliance on extrabudgetary sources of funding,

Welcoming the intention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide adequate resources for mandated programmes in Africa, with special attention to those in science and technology for development, in the preparation of his programme budget proposals for the biennium 1994-1995,

1. Requests the Pan-African Development Information System to build elements of cost recovery into its delivery of information services and products;

2. Urges member States, in order to receive further needed technical assistance in information systems development:

(a) To give priority to information systems development in the use of their United Nations Development Programme Country Indicative Planning Figures;

(b) To consider development information activities in their 1993 pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development;

(c) To use, where appropriate, the financial provision under the Lomé IV Convention for this purpose;

3. Urgently appeals to the donor community to support the Commission's activities to strengthen development information capabilities in the African region;

4. Requests the Commission to continue its leadership role in the coordination of development information and technology to respond to Africa's pressing development problems;

5. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to seek additional resources through voluntary contributions for

the Commission's subregional development information centres in the framework of the subprogramme on statistical and information systems development;

6. Requests the General Assembly to ensure the provision of adequate staffing and resources to permit the delivery of activities to the Commission's subprogramme on information systems development beginning with its 1994-1995 programme budget.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolutions 285 (XII) of 28 February 1975, 433 (XVII) of 30 April 1982, 577 (XX) of April 1985, 574 (XXI) of 19 April 1986, 612 (XXII) of 24 April 1987 and 622 (XXIII) of 15 April 1988 on the financing and future development of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Recalling also Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 669 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989 and 680 (XXV) of 19 May 1990 which appealed to the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to approve the incorporation of four core posts of the Institute in the regular budget,

Bearing in mind Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 726 (XXVII) of April 1992 on strengthening the Economic Commission for Africa to face Africa's development challenges in the 1990s, which expressed gratitude to the General Assembly for providing the Institute with a grant to cover the costs of four professional posts for the 1992-1993 biennium, thus enabling it to contribute to the process of strengthening the operational capacity of the Commission in meeting the challenges facing Africa in the 1990s,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/62 and 1990/72 of 27 July 1990 which, among other things, recommended the incorporation of four core professional posts into the United Nations regular budget as a contribution to the long-term financing of the Institute and to enable it to carry out its approved work programmes and functions on a continued and sustained basis,

Noting that the Joint Inspection Unit, after a thorough examination of the Institute's situation, in its 1990 report (JI4/REP/90/4) had recommended that eight permanent posts should be created in the regular budget to erase annual uncertainty about the Institute's budget and offset dependency on United Nations Development Programme funding,

Bearing in mind that United Nations Development Programme policy requires that funding of core posts in institutions such as the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning should be discouraged and that the Programme is currently supporting a preparatory phase project designed to improve operational capacities for research, short-term training and networking, advisory/consultancy services and management audit,

Commending the increasing efforts of member States to regularly meet their obligations to the Institute by paying their annual assessed contributions,

Noting with appreciation that the resources put at the disposal of the Institute, in the form of the grant for the four professional posts for the years 1991 to 1993, have been productively used and that recent achievements in revitalizing the Institute and in improving its delivery capacities would not have been realized without these resources,

Noting with interest the increasingly successful attempts to generate independent incomes by various means and to develop operational projects for possible funding from diversified bilateral and other donor agencies,

Convinced that with the expansion in the fields of its activities to include subject areas related to development management in general, the Institute will in future years play an even more important role in the promotion of the sustained development of Africa,

Considering that the Institute is the only bilingual regional institution of its kind in Africa and that it has an outstanding record of providing training and research services to African countries in the area of economic development and planning,

Considering also that there are increasing demands being made by member States and their intergovernmental organizations for the services of the Institute, particularly for tailor-made training programmes,

Considering further that counterpart United Nations institutions in other regions have benefited from regular budget posts,

Conscious of the urgency of stabilizing the financing of the core posts in the Institute,

1. Calls upon the General Assembly, in considering the programme budget for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1994-1995, to take adequate steps to ensure sufficient staffing for the Commission at the Professional level to implement its mandates;

2. Appeals to all States to provide extrabudgetary resources for programme implementation, as requested in the Institute's component of the proposed programme budget for the 1994-1995 biennium of the Commission;

3. Requests all States to sustain their support to the Institute through payment of their contributions and through increased use of the various types of services it provides;

4. Urges the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the management of the Institute to continue their efforts to mobilize resources from extrabudgetary and other supplementary resources to enable the Institute to implement its expanded programmes.

43. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Non-participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council decides that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe as long as the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the General Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION II

Amendments to the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council, taking note of the recommendation contained in decision N (48) adopted by the Economic Commission for Europe at its forty-eighth session, decides:

(a) To approve the amendment of articles 3, 7, 9 and 10 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe, as contained in Commission decision N (48);

(b) To modify the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe accordingly.

DRAFT DECISION III

Venue of the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council decides that the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall be held in New Delhi, India during the period February to April 1994.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century

The Economic and Social Council decides to bring to the attention of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session resolution 49/4, adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its forty-ninth session, the text of which is annexed to the present decision.

Annex

RESOLUTION 49/4 OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 48/4 of 23 April 1992 on the Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, 1992, in which it referred to its decision to convene the Conference as a ministerial meeting jointly with the United Nations Population Fund in order to review the changes in the population situation that had occurred during the 1980s and highlight the perspectives of population policies and programmes for the 1990s in the ESCAP region,

Recognizing that integration of population factors in the socio-economic development process is crucial and that the alleviation of poverty is fundamental to the achievement of sustainable development,

Mindful of the substantial progress achieved by members and associate members in responding to the Asia-Pacific Call for Action on Population and Development adopted by the Third Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held at Colombo in 1982, and the role played by the secretariat and donors, particularly the United Nations Population Fund, in its implementation,

Taking note of the importance of the International Conference on Population and Development to be held at Cairo in 1994,

1. Welcomes the adoption by the Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held in Bali, Indonesia from 19 to 27 August 1992, of the Bali Declaration on Population and Sustainable Development, and endorses the recommendations of that Declaration;

2. Urges all members and associate members to take early and effective action to implement the Bali Declaration through the provision of adequate financial and human resources;

3. Also urges all members, associate members and the Executive Secretary to make every effort to incorporate population, environment and development concerns in their inputs to the International Conference on Population and Development;

4. Calls upon donor countries and funding agencies, in particular the United Nations Population Fund, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to provide substantive and financial support for the implementation of the Bali Declaration;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary, as head of the main centre within the United Nations system for the general economic and social development of the Asia and Pacific region, to:

(a) Assist members and associate members in the implementation of the Bali Declaration by initiating appropriate activities, and to review and appraise their progress;

(b) Cooperate with members and associate members on implementation of the Bali Declaration, and, in the light of the declining financial and human resources devoted to the Asia and Pacific regional population programme, to seek to mobilize resources for this purpose;

(c) Continue to play an advocacy role in the planning and implementation of population programmes in the ESCAP region, and even more vigorously in the light of the Bali Declaration;

(d) Disseminate information through regular publications and other appropriate means concerning the implementation of the Bali Declaration and the challenges faced by countries in the region in its implementation;

(e) Report to the Commission at periodic intervals on the progress made;

(f) Organize a meeting of senior planners and policy makers to incorporate concretely the recommendations of the Bali Declaration within the regional document for the global Conference at Cairo;

6. Invites the Executive Secretary, in transmitting the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council, to request that it be brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Trade and development

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of trade and development (agenda item 15 (a)) at its 3rd to 5th and 14th meetings, on 13, 14 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session (UNCTAD/PSM/CAS/515). 1/

2. At the 3rd to 5th meetings, on 13 and 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of trade and development (agenda item 15 (a)), food and agricultural development (agenda item 15 (b)), science and technology for development (agenda item 15 (c)) and natural resources (agenda item 15 (e)).

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3. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria, China and Poland and the observer for New Zealand.

5. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Commission of the European Communities made statements.

6. At the 4th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Brazil, India, Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Romania, Japan, Togo, Ukraine, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Belarus and Nigeria and the observers for the Czech Republic and Egypt.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of the World Meteorological Organization and the observer for the International Chamber of Commerce, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, made statements.

8. At the 5th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Argentina, Colombia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) and Canada and the observers for Pakistan, Algeria and Venezuela.

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session

9. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session (UNCTAD/PSM/CAS/515) (see para. 10 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

10. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session. 2/

2/ UNCTAD/PSM/CAS/515; to be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/48/15).

B. Food and agricultural development

11. The Economic Committee considered the question of food and agricultural development (agenda item 15 (b)) at its 3rd to 5th meetings, on 13 and 14 July 1993.

12. At the 3rd to 5th meetings, on 13 and 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-8 above).

C. Science and technology for development

13. The Economic Committee considered the question of science and technology for development (agenda item 15 (c)) at its 3rd to 5th and 15th meetings, on 13, 14 and 26 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session (E/1993/31). 3/

14. At the 3rd to 5th meetings, on 13 and 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-8 above).

15. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 July, the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session

16. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session contained seven draft resolutions and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

Contribution of technologies, including new and emerging technologies, to the industrialization of developing countries and the strengthening of regional and global integration processes, and proposed ways and means of transferring such technologies and incorporating them in the productive sector of those countries

17. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee considered draft resolution I, entitled "Contribution of technologies, including new and emerging technologies, to the industrialization of developing countries and the strengthening of regional and global integration processes, and proposed ways and means of transferring such technologies and incorporating them in the productive sector of those countries". It heard a statement by the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution I (see para. 38 below, draft resolution I).

3/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 11 (E/1993/31).

Scientific and technological aspects of the conversion of military capacity for civilian use and sustainable development

19. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Scientific and technological aspects of the conversion of military capacity for civilian use and sustainable development" (see para. 38 below, draft resolution II).

Activities of the United Nations system in science and technology for development

20. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee considered draft resolution III, entitled "Activities of the United Nations system in science and technology for development".

21. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendment to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

Operative paragraph 1, which read:

"Decides to include coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of science and technology among the issues to be considered in the coordination segment of its substantive session of 1994",

was replaced by the following text:

"Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, at its next organizational session, include science and technology for development as a priority subject to be considered for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council in 1994."

22. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, as orally amended (see para. 38 below, draft resolution III).

Science and technology for sustainable development

23. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee considered draft resolution IV, entitled "Science and technology for sustainable development".

24. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 5, the words "taking into account the elements of chapter V.B of the report" were added after the words "aimed at promoting";

(b) Subparagraph 5 (b), which read "Clean coal technologies", was replaced by "Clean coal, fossil fuels and other energy technologies";

25. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of the United States of America, France, Colombia, Morocco, Kuwait and Canada, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, as amended (see para. 38 below, draft resolution IV).

Financing science and technology for development

26. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee considered draft resolution V, entitled "Financing science and technology for development".

27. The Committee had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/31/Add.1).

28. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) After the words "The Economic and Social Council" at the beginning of the draft resolution, the following words were deleted:

"Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly";

(b) The words "in 1993" were added at the end of operative paragraph 2;

(c) In operative paragraph 6, the words "the General Assembly through" were deleted before the words "the Economic and Social Council".

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, as orally amended (see para. 38 below, draft resolution V).

Programme of work for 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development

30. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee considered draft resolution VI, entitled "Programme of work for 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development".

31. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/31/Add.1).

32. Following a statement by the representative of Brazil, the Committee decided to refer draft resolution VI to the Economic and Social Council for further consideration (see para. 40 below, draft resolution VII).

Future work plan of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

33. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Future work plan of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development" (see para. 38 below, draft resolution VI).

Preparations of analytical reports by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

34. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Preparation of analytical reports by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development" (see para. 39 below, draft decision I).

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session and provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Commission

35. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II entitled "Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session and provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Commission" (see para. 39 below, draft decision II).

Preparation by the Secretary-General of a summary report on technology transfer activities within the United Nations system

36. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the representative of Australia orally proposed a draft decision concerning the preparation by the Secretary-General of a summary report on technology transfer activities within the United Nations system.

37. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of China, Morocco, France, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Brazil, the United States of America, Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Japan, Austria and Colombia, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 39 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

38. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I AND II, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT ON ITS FIRST SESSION (E/1993/31)]

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Activities of the United Nations system in science and technology for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on ways and means of improving the quality of coordination and cooperation in science and technology for development, 4/ on the assessment of the effect of activities of the United Nations system related to the process of creating and strengthening endogenous capacity-building in science and technology in developing countries, 5/ and on the activities of the Department of Economic and Social Development in science and technology for development, 6/ the report of the Meeting of High-level Experts on Science and Technology for Development 7/ and a note by the Secretariat on the Expert Group Meeting on Technology Assessment, Monitoring and Forecasting, 8/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992, in particular paragraph 20,

Having examined the note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system 9/ as a means of examining the contribution of the operational activities of the United Nations system to the enhancement of the national capacities of developing countries in the field of science and technology,

1. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, at its next organizational session, include science and technology for development as a priority subject to be considered for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council in 1994;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, for that purpose, a report containing an analysis and action-oriented proposals to improve the coordination mechanisms of organs, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Bank, which are involved in the science and technology activities of the United Nations system. The report should take into account the implications of the recent reforms in the Secretariat, as well as ways and

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9/ A/47/419/Add.1.

means of improving the coordination of the United Nations system with other relevant intergovernmental institutions and private organizations involved in science and technology activities;

3. Considers the note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system 9/ a valuable input to the consideration of science and technology activities in the coordination segment of its substantive session of 1994;

4. Requests the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to consider at its second session the outcome of the coordination segment of the substantive session of the Council in 1994;

5. Stresses that endogenous capacity-building in science and technology is an indispensable component of any country's effort to mobilize science and technology for development and hence should remain a priority issue on the United Nations agenda;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its biennial sessions of the progress being achieved and any major problems encountered in the application of science and technology for sustainable development at the national, subregional and regional levels, with a view to identifying new options for international action;

7. Expresses its approval of the activities undertaken so far by the United Nations system to assist the developing countries in enhancing their national capacities in the field of science and technology;

8. Expresses its approval of the innovative features of the series of ten pilot projects being undertaken by the United Nations system to develop endogenous capacity, such as the participatory approach, the demand-driven and developmental orientation and country-level coordination, and requests that those projects be brought to completion and subjected to evaluation, with a view to disseminating information on their successful features;

9. Invites the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the regional development banks, and other multilateral and bilateral cooperation agencies to give priority to endogenous capacity-building in their respective projects on science and technology for development and to integrate appropriate participatory approaches into the planning and evaluation cycles of their projects;

10. Stresses the need for national policies in support of science and technology communities to enhance information-management capacity and to facilitate affordable and widespread access to international on-line science and technology information networks and their connectivity to global and regional networks in all countries, and to make them available to all countries through on-line access, floppy disks, and other electronic and traditional means;

11. Urges organizations of the United Nations system and their collaborating institutions to coordinate their activities aimed at information management, including the upgrading and updating of their databases in the field of science and technology;

12. Calls upon all Governments to further promote harmonized and coherent approaches and policies to science and technology for development at the national level and to reflect such harmonized approaches in their multilateral activities throughout the United Nations system;

13. Invites the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to develop an appropriate, dynamic mechanism for its interaction with intergovernmental organizations that are not part of the United Nations system, as well as with non-governmental organizations, institutions, foundations and the private sector concerned with science and technology for development and wishing to make common cause with the Commission;

14. Also invites the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in their activities related to science and technology, to take full advantage of the potential contribution of relevant intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and of non-governmental organizations;

15. Welcomes, in this connection, such initiatives as that of the Third World Academy of Sciences in establishing regional centres for the application of science and technology for sustainable development in the developing countries, and urges donor agencies and member States to support such initiatives.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Science and technology for sustainable development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 on institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Emphasizing the importance of effective interaction between the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Commission on Sustainable Development,

1. Takes note of the following documentation considered by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its first session under the agenda item entitled "Science and technology for sustainable development":

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the implications of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including Agenda 21, for the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development; 10/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization and marketing of energy technologies, focusing on policy issues and options for the effective transfer and application of environmentally sound energy technologies; 11/

2. Stresses the critical importance of supporting countries, in particular the developing countries, in harnessing the potential of science and technology with a view to achieving the objectives set forth by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

3. Emphasizes, in this respect, the relevance of the activities of the United Nations system in the areas of science and technology, particularly in endogenous capacity-building, including the improvement of traditional technologies, as well as aspects related to technology transfer, technology assessment and forecasting, science and technology information dissemination and management, and science for sustainable development;

4. Decides that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should place particular emphasis in its work on policy issues and options related to the development, transfer and utilization of technologies that promote sustainable development objectives, in accordance with the mandate of the Commission and taking into account the provisions of Agenda 21 concerning science and technology; 12/

5. Supports the activities of the United Nations system and the international cooperation aimed at promoting, taking into account the elements of chapter V.B of the report, the use of the following:

(a) New and renewable sources of energy technologies;

(b) Clean coal, fossil fuels and other energy technologies;

(c) Alternative fuel technologies;

6. Encourages bilateral and multilateral donors to provide further support for the development, transfer and application of environmentally sound technologies;

10/ E/CN.16/1993/8.

11/ E/CN.16/1993/9.

12/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8), resolution 1, annex II.

7. Calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development to interact closely with the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and to take advantage of its work while reviewing the implementation of Agenda 21; 13/

8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that information on those aspects of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development that have a bearing on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development is distributed to members of the latter Commission and that the work of the two Commissions is effectively coordinated.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Financing science and technology for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Acknowledging the significant role of the United Nations in science and technology for development,

Recognizing that there is a need to harmonize the efforts of different sources of funding for science and technology for development,

Recognizing also that the increasing need for cooperation in programmes of endogenous capacity-building requires adequate financial support,

Recalling its resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992, in which it called upon all concerned to implement all commitments, agreements and recommendations reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, especially by ensuring provision of the means of implementation,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on this subject 14/ which was submitted to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its first session,

1. Decides to maintain as a priority its efforts to enable developing countries to address their needs for funds and cooperation to enhance the input of science and technology into their development programmes and to build up an endogenous capacity on the basis of the priorities and plans of developing countries; due attention should also be paid in this regard to the needs of the countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the relevant mandates of the General Assembly;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 46/165 of 19 December 1991, in which it requested concrete

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13/ E/1993/31. To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 11.

14/ E/CN.16/1993/10.

proposals for organizing a more effective coalition of resources to meet the scientific and technological needs of developing countries, to convene a consultative meeting in 1993;

3. Decides that the consultative meeting should:

(a) Compare and exchange views on portfolios of programmes and projects in science and technology in support of endogenous capacity-building at the national, regional and global levels;

(b) Consider ways and means of securing continual interaction and complementarity of the institutions involved in the financing of science and technology and suggest specific ways in which such cooperation could continue for the harmonization of their policies and the enhancement of specific opportunities for a coalition of resources among the interested financing and funding institutions;

4. Also decides that the participants in the consultative meeting should include representatives from multilateral development financial institutions, including the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the regional development banks, together with private and international foundations and bilateral donors interested in science and technology for development;

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consider providing the consultative meeting with a review of the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development aimed at redefining its role in this context;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION VI, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT ON ITS FIRST SESSION, DRAFT RESOLUTION VII (E/1993/31)]

39. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT ON ITS FIRST SESSION (E/1993/31)]

DRAFT DECISION III

Preparation by the Secretary-General of a summary report on technology transfer activities within the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council requests that the Secretary-General provide a brief report to the General Assembly in early 1994, listing the

full range of intergovernmental and inter-agency committees within the United Nations system currently addressing technology transfer and noting the mechanisms for coordination among them.

40. The Economic Committee also decides to refer to the Economic and Social Council, for further consideration, the following draft resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Programme of work for 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 47/212 and 47/214 of 23 December 1992,

"Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on programme proposals for the biennium 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development, 15/ in particular paragraphs 2 and 5,

"1. Reaffirms the mandates and functions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development as the main substantive organ of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the global issue of science and technology for development;

"2. Also reaffirms the need to count on the substantive support of an efficient Secretariat provided with a level of resources commensurate with its functions;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of programme 17 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and, in particular, to provide resources for the implementation of the activities proposed for the biennium 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development, taking into account the priority attached to these activities within the medium-term plan;

"4. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Secretariat unit having primary responsibility for the implementation of programme activities in the field of science and technology for development, including the substantive servicing of the Commission, will be managed in an integrated manner, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide for its strengthening in terms of the efficient organization of the Secretariat;

15/ E/CN.16/1993/CRP.2.

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General to make sufficient provisions within the programme budget for 1994-1995 for the implementation of technical cooperation activities in the field of science and technology;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to clarify the division of labour and coordination arrangements for the efficient functioning of Secretariat units in the field of science and technology for development, particularly the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions;

"7. Expresses concern regarding the proposed abolition of the Task Force on Science and Technology for Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the negative impact this may have on the quality of the coordination of system-wide activities in these fields;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for convening at least four inter-sessional ad hoc panels/workshops on specific issues in the field of science and technology, which will provide crucial input into the work of the Commission in terms of independent, specialized and expert advice;

"9. Urges the Secretary-General to make every possible effort to adhere strictly to existing rules and to avoid the repetition of the regrettable experience of the late issuance of documentation for the first session of the Commission."

D. Natural resources

41. The Economic Committee considered the question of natural resources (Agenda item 15 (e)) at its 3rd to 5th and 15th meetings, on 13, 14 and 26 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Commission on Natural Resources on its first session (E/1993/28). 16/

42. At the 3rd to 5th meetings, on 13 and 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-8 above).

43. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 July, the representative of the Energy Branch of the Department for Development Support and Management Services made an introductory statement.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session and draft decision E/1993/C.1/L.6

44. Chapter I of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session contained recommendations (A-Q) for adoption by the Council.

16/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 8 (E/1993/28).

45. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee had before it a draft decision (E/1993/C.1/L.6) entitled "Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session", which was submitted by the Acting Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Rene Valery Mongbe (Benin), as a result of informal consultations held on the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session.

46. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee adopted draft decision E/1993/C.1/L.6 (see para. 48 below).

47. In the light of the adoption of draft decision E/1993/C.1/L.6, the Committee agreed that no further action was necessary on the recommendations contained in chapter I of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources at its first session.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

48. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session: 17/

(a) Decides, in accordance with the recommendation contained in chapter I, section A, of the above report, that the second session of the Committee should be held in 1994 and the normal two-year cycle of meetings resume at that time and the third session be held in 1996;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Committee, annexed below, which is based on chapter I, section Q, of the report, with the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Review and recasting of recommendations made by the Committee at its first session", and requests the Secretariat to prepare reports related to that agenda item, as required, taking into account existing reports and studies on those issues;

(c) Requests the Committee on Natural Resources to review at its second session, as a matter of priority, its recommendations relating to water with a view to making a contribution to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its second session, in 1994;

(d) Requests the Committee on Natural Resources, at its second session, to review and recast the recommendations it made at its first session by following, with the assistance of the Secretariat, a standard pattern of reporting when submitting its recommendations to the Economic and Social Council.

17/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 8 (E/1993/28).

Annex

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Activities of the United Nations system in the field of water and mineral resources, and inter-agency coordination.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on activities of the organizations of the United Nations system and inter-agency coordination in the field of water resources (including disaster prevention and mitigation in the field of water resources; particular emphasis to be given to issues of public participation and the role of women in the development and management of water resources)

Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation activities of the United Nations system in the mining sector (with particular emphasis on projects aimed at enhancing the capacity of developing countries and economies in transition, and including disaster prevention and mitigation in the field of mineral resources)

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the Governing Council of UNDP on the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

Report of the Secretary-General on existing international principles, rules and regulations governing the relationship between the owner of data collected through remote-sensing techniques and the country to which such data are related, as well as on the present state of activities within the United Nations system (taking into account recent advances in remote sensing, geophysics, data processing and other relevant techniques)

4. Review and recasting of the recommendations made by the Committee at its first session.

5. Review of progress on water-related issues:

(a) Review of progress, constraints and limitations in the implementation of water-related issues (including inputs from specialized agencies and regional commissions);

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken by Governments towards meeting the objectives of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and Agenda 21 on water-related issues

(b) Consideration of new instruments for global action.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on activities related to instruments for global action in other environmental areas and on the substantive content of such instruments

6. Legislative and institutional aspects of water resources management.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on institutional and legal issues related to integrated water resources management

7. Economic and social development needs in the mineral sector:

(a) Flow of financial resources, development and transfer of technology to develop the mineral resources in developing countries and economies in transition;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of facilitating the flow of financial resources and the development and transfer of technology to develop the mineral resources sector of developing countries and economies in transition

(b) Regional mineral resource assessment programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing a review of regional mineral resource assessment programmes and resource needs

(c) Small-scale mining activities in developing countries and economies in transition.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on small-scale mining activities in developing countries and economies in transition (including social and environmental impacts related to legislation and regulations; and mechanized operations, with special attention to the role and contribution of women)

8. Effects of environmental protection and conservation policies on the mineral sector (including consideration of available studies by concerned

entities of the United Nations system on the impact on the environment of exploration and mining, and review of state-of-the-art technologies dealing with processing of mining wastes and tailings).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effects of changing environmental legislation and regulations applicable to the mining industry on a global basis

9. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its second session.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Development and international economic cooperation

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of development and international economic cooperation (agenda item 15) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60).

2. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of development and international economic cooperation (agenda item 15), transnational corporations (agenda item 15 (d)), transport of dangerous goods (agenda item 15 (j)) and economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (agenda item 15 (l)).

3. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), the Russian Federation, China, Japan, Ukraine, Brazil, Belarus, Romania, Colombia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Chile and Kuwait and the observer for Venezuela.

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5. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, made statements.

6. At the 8th meeting, on 15 July, statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Poland and Bangladesh.

B. Transnational corporations

7. The Economic Committee considered the question of transnational corporations (agenda item 15 (d)) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (E/1993/30). 1/

8. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2 to 6 above).

9. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement.

C. Transport of dangerous goods

10. The Economic Committee considered the question of transport of dangerous goods (agenda item 15 (j)) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (E/1993/57).

11. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2 to 6 above).

12. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the representative of the Economic Commission for Europe made an introductory statement.

D. Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

13. The Economic Committee considered the question of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (agenda item 15 (l)) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (DP/1993/L.9).

14. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2 to 6 above).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 10 (E/1993/30).

World Economic Survey, 1993

15. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60) (see para. 16 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

16. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

The Economic and Social Council takes not of the World Economic Survey, 1993. 2/

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session

17. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session contained one draft resolution and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

Strengthening the role of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

18. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the role of the Commission on Transnational Corporations" (see para. 22 below, draft resolution).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

19. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations" (see para. 23 below, draft decision I).

Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as related to transnational corporations

20. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II entitled "Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as related to transnational corporations" (see para. 23 below, draft decision II).

2/ E/1993/60.

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session

21. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (E/1993/30) (see para. 23 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

22. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[FOR THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, SEE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON ITS NINETEENTH SESSION (E/1993/30)]

23. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON ITS NINETEENTH SESSION (E/1993/30)]

DRAFT DECISION III

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session. 3/

Recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

24. Chapter I of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods contained one draft resolution recommended for adoption by the Council.

Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

25. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods".

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 10 (E/1993/30).

26. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of the Economic Commission for Europe, in which he informed the Committee that there were no programme budget implications for the draft resolution, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 27 below, draft resolution).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

27. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[FOR THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, SEE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS (E/1993/57)]

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

28. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (DP/1993/L.9) (see para. 29 below).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

29. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. 4/

4/ DP/1993/L.9.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:

POPULATION QUESTIONS

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

ENVIRONMENT

DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Population questions

1. The Economic Committee considered population questions (agenda item 15 (f)) at its 5th, 6th and 15th meetings, on 14 and 26 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Progress report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development on the preparations for the Conference (E/1993/49);

(b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development on its second session (E/1993/69);

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(c) Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1993, its special session and its fortieth session (E/1993/L.24). 1/

2. At the 3rd, 5th and 6th meetings, on 13 and 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of population questions (agenda item 15 (f)), human settlements (agenda item 15 (g)), environment (agenda item 15 (h)) and desertification and drought (agenda item 15 (i)).

3. At the 5th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Benin, Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), China and Canada and the observers for Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), New Zealand and Israel.

5. At the 6th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Poland, Chile, Egypt, Japan, Romania, the United States of America, Ukraine, Austria, the Republic of Korea, Turkey, India, Belarus, Mexico and the Russian Federation and the observer for Tunisia.

6. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Development Programme. The representatives of the League of Arab States made a statement. The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development on its second session

7. Chapter I of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development on its second session (E/1993/69) contained one draft resolution and three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

Preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development

8. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development".

9. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution:

1/ The report of the Governing Council will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 15 (E/1993/35).

(a) An eighth preambular paragraph was added, reading:

"Stressing the need for the intergovernmental preparatory process for the International Conference on Population and Development to be able to accomplish its work before the Conference itself";

(b) In the seventh preambular paragraph, which read:

"Considering that the General Assembly is the highest intergovernmental mechanism for the formulation and appraisal of policy on matters relating to the economic, social and related fields",

the words "the highest intergovernmental mechanism for" were replaced by the words "the principal organ best suited to";

(c) Operative paragraph 3, which read:

"Decides to examine at its substantive session of 1993, during its consideration of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994 and 1995 in the economic, social and related fields, the necessary arrangements to ensure adequate preparations for the Preparatory Committee and for the Conference",

was replaced by the following text:

"Decides to extend the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference by one week, starting on 4 April 1994, and to ensure that adequate facilities are available for it, all within the approved budget limit set by the General Assembly for the biennium 1994-1995";

(d) A new operative paragraph was inserted after operative paragraph 3, reading:

"Decides also to convene two-day pre-Conference consultations at the venue of the Conference".

10. At the same meeting, the observer for Egypt proposed that, in the third preambular paragraph, the words "45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children" be inserted after the words "Least Developed Countries for the 1990s".

11. Also at the same meeting, a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was made by the representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Section.

12. Following statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Brazil, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Ukraine, India, France, Colombia and the observers for Egypt and Sweden, it was agreed that the seventh preambular paragraph be deleted (see para. 9 (b) above) and that operative paragraph 3 be placed in square brackets.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee then decided to refer the draft resolution, as amended, to the Economic and Social Council for further consideration (see para. 17 below).

Proposed conceptual framework of the draft recommendations of the Conference

14. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee decided to refer draft decision I, entitled "Proposed conceptual framework of the draft recommendations of the Conference", to the Economic and Social Council for further consideration (see para. 18 below, draft decision I).

Participation of associate members of the regional commissions in the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process

15. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee decided to refer draft decision II, entitled "Participation of associate members of the regional commissions in the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process", to the Economic and Social Council for further consideration (see para. 18 below, draft decision II).

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development on its second session and provisional agenda for its third session

16. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Committee decided to refer draft decision III, entitled "Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development on its second session and provisional agenda for its third session", to the Economic and Social Council for further consideration (see para. 18 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

17. The Economic Committee decides to refer to the Economic and Social Council, for further consideration, the following draft resolution:

Preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 45/216 of 21 December 1990 and 47/176 of 22 December 1992 and Council resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, 1991/93 of 26 July 1991 and 1993/4 of 12 February 1993,

Reaffirming Council resolution 1992/37 of 30 July 1992, in which the Council accepted the offer of the Government of Egypt to host the International Conference on Population and Development and decided to convene the Conference in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,

Reaffirming also General Assembly resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the

Developing Countries, 45/199 of 21 December 1990 on the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 45/206 of 21 December 1990 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children, 46/151 of 18 December 1991 on the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 2/ and Agenda 21, 3/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992,

Recognizing the particular importance of population issues in the context of sustained economic growth and sustainable development processes and conscious of the need to give priority to the issues related to population and development,

Aware of the political impetus given to the population issue on the international agenda since the decision of the United Nations to hold a meeting on population,

Taking note of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund as Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat as the Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference,

Stressing the need for the intergovernmental preparatory process for the International Conference on Population and Development to be able to accomplish its work before the Conference itself,

1. Recommends that the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development become a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, without prejudice to current arrangements for participation in the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process, and in that context, decides that the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session will be submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, to be considered under the item entitled "International Conference on Population and Development", stipulated in General Assembly resolution 47/176;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development to prepare by February 1994, for the information of delegations, the first draft of the final substantive document of the Conference, taking into account the views expressed by participants during the second session of the Preparatory Committee and the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8), resolution 1, annex I.

3/ Ibid., resolution 1, annex II.

[3. Decides to extend the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference by one week, starting on 4 April 1994, and to ensure that adequate facilities are available for it, all within the approved budget limit set by the General Assembly for the biennium 1994-1995;]

4. Decides also to convene two-day pre-Conference consultations at the venue of the Conference;

5. Expresses its appreciation for the extrabudgetary contributions which have been made to the trust funds established to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in preparing for and participating fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process, and invites all Member States and organizations in a position to do so to support these trust funds further;

6. Reaffirms the significance of the media, and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to promote the objectives and activities of the Conference;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to include in the report referred to in paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 47/176, an annotated outline of the final document of the Conference, as well as information on the implementation of the present resolution.

18. The Economic Committee also decides to refer to the Economic and Social Council, for further consideration, the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I-III, SEE THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT ON ITS SECOND SESSION (E/1993/69)]

B. Human settlements

19. The Economic Committee considered the question of human settlements (agenda item 15 (g)) at its 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 14th meetings, on 13, 14 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourteenth session (A/48/8); 4/

(b) Note by the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) transmitting the third report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/48/8/Add.1)

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (E/1993/64).

4/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/48/8).

20. At the 3rd, 5th and 6th meetings, on 13 and 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-5 above).

21. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 July, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made an introductory statement.

Progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/162

22. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that, in view of the fact that the progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/162 on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory was not available in time for discussion at the substantive session of the Council, this issue be deferred to the resumed session of the Council, at which time the progress report would be made available to the Council (see para. 24 below, draft decision I).

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of human settlements

23. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourteenth session (A/48/8) and the third report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/48/8/Add.1) (see para. 24 below, draft decision II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

24. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/162

The Economic and Social Council decides that, in view of the fact that the progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/162 of 19 December 1991 on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory was not available in time for discussion at the substantive session of the Council, this issue should be deferred to the resumed session of the Council, at which time the progress report would be made available to the Council.

DRAFT DECISION II

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of human settlements

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourteenth session 5/ and the third report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000. 6/

C. Environment

25. The Economic Committee considered the question of environment (agenda item 15 (h)) at its 3rd, 5th, 6th and 14th meetings, on 13, 14 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session (A/48/25). 7/

26. At the 3rd, 5th and 6th meetings, on 13 and 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-5 above).

27. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 July, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made an introductory statement.

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session

28. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session (A/48/25) (see para. 29 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

29. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/48/8).

6/ A/48/8/Add.1.

7/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/48/25).

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session. 8/

D. Desertification and drought

30. The Economic Committee considered the question of desertification and drought (agenda item 15 (i)) at its 5th, 6th and 14th meetings, on 14 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (A/48/216-E/1993/92) and on combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia (E/1993/55 and Corr.1).

31. At the 5th and 6th meetings, on 14 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-5 above).

32. At the 5th meeting, on 14 July, introductory statements were made by the Acting Director of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office of the United Nations Development Programme and by the Assistant Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of desertification and drought

33. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region and on combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia. The representative of India made a statement. For the recommendation, see paragraph 34 below.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

34. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

8/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/48/25).

Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of desertification and drought

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region; 9/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia. 10/

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:

EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of effective mobilization and integration of women in development (agenda item 15 (k)) at its 9th and 14th meetings, on 16 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Preliminary version of the 1994 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (A/48/70-E/1993/16);

(b) Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27 and Corr.1); 1/

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (E/1993/75).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 7 (E/1993/27).

2. At the 9th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of effective mobilization and integration of women in development (agenda item 15 (k)) and the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (agenda item 15 (m)).

3. At the 9th meeting, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Canada, Austria, Australia, Ukraine, the United States of America, China, the Russian Federation, India and Poland and the observer for Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

5. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme and the observer for the International Council on Social Welfare, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, made statements.

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of effective mobilization and integration of women in development

6. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the preliminary version of the 1994 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (A/48/70-E/1993/16) and the note by the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (E/1993/75) (see para. 7 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

7. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following documents:

(a) Preliminary version of the 1994 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development; 2/

2/ A/48/70-E/1993/16.

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development. 3/

B. Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

8. The Economic Committee considered the question of the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (agenda item 15 (m)) at its 9th, 13th and 15th meetings, on 16, 22 and 26 July 1993. It had before it the note by the Secretary-General on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/48/159-E/1993/59).

9. At the 9th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-5 above).

10. At the same meeting, the Executive Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization made an introductory statement.

Coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS

11. At the 13th meeting, on 22 July, the observer for Sweden, on behalf of Algeria, 4/ Australia, Austria, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, 4/ Morocco, Netherlands, 4/ Romania, Senegal, 4/ Sweden, 4/ Switzerland, 4/ Tunisia, 4/ Ukraine, the United States of America, Uruguay, 4/ Venezuela 4/ and Zimbabwe, 4/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.5) entitled "Coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS".

12. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution which had been agreed upon in informal consultations:

(a) The words "with a two-year mandate" were added at the end of the second preambular paragraph;

(b) A new paragraph was inserted as operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

> "Welcomes the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and invites the World Health Organization and other relevant organs of the United Nations system to continue their efforts in fighting, at all levels, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, giving due attention to its multisectoral aspects";

(c) The words "and calls upon the Task Force on HIV/AIDS Coordination established by the Management Committee of the Global Programme on AIDS to participate actively in this consultative process" were added at the end of operative paragraph 3.

3/ E/1993/75.

4/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.5, as amended (see para. 14 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

14. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and on the coordination of HIV/AIDS activities at the global and country levels, 5/

Welcoming the establishment of the Task Force on HIV/AIDS Coordination by the Management Committee of the Global Programme on AIDS, with a two-year mandate,

Recalling decisions 93/14 and 93/27 of 18 June 1993 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fortieth session, 6/

1. Welcomes the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization 5/ and invites the World Health Organization and other relevant organs of the United Nations system to continue their efforts in fighting, at all levels, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, giving due attention to its multisectoral aspects;

2. Supports fully World Health Assembly resolution WHA.46.37 of 14 May 1993, in which the Director-General of the World Health Organization is requested to study, in close collaboration with all organizations and bodies concerned of the United Nations system, the feasibility and practicability of establishing a joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV and AIDS and to develop options for such a programme;

3. Calls upon the heads of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund and invites the heads of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank to cooperate fully in the consultative process established in World Health Assembly resolution WHA.46.37 to carry out the

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5/ A/48/159-E/1993/59, annex.

6/ See E/1993/L.24. For the final text, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 15 (E/1993/35).

study and calls upon the Task Force on HIV/AIDS Coordination established by the Management Committee of the Global Programme on AIDS to participate actively in this consultative process;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to include the outcome of the aforementioned study in the next biennial report on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS, to be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

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PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATIONAL RESOURCES IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB TERRITORIES

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (agenda item 16) at its 10th, 12th and 15th meetings, on 16, 21 and 26 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and the Syrian Golan (A/48/188-E/1993/78).

2. At the 10th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. It heard an introductory statement by the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Malaysia and the Syrian Arab Republic and the observers for Algeria, Israel, Tunisia and Egypt.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of the League of Arab States and the observer for Palestine made statements.

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan

5. At the 12th meeting, on 21 July, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, on behalf of Algeria, 1/ Angola, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 1/ Iraq, 1/ Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Qatar, 1/ Saudi Arabia, 1/ Senegal, 1/ Sudan, 1/ the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, 1/ and Yemen, 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.4) entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan". Subsequently, Egypt 1/ and Pakistan 1/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments made to the draft resolution as a result of informal consultations:

(a) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "continued construction" were replaced by the word "establishment";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, the word "adverse" was deleted before the word "repercussions";

(c) In operative paragraph 6, the words "a comprehensive report on the economic and social consequences of the Israeli exploitation of the natural resources of the occupied Palestinian territory and of the occupied Syrian Golan" were replaced by the words "a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution".

7. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of the United States of America and Belgium, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.4, as orally amended, by a roll-call vote of 40 to 1, with 3 abstentions (see para. 9 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Japan, Poland, Russian Federation.

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

8. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Australia, Poland, Japan and the Russian Federation.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

9. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/172 of 22 December 1992,

Recalling also its resolution 1992/57 of 31 July 1992,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and affirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980 and other resolutions affirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, 2/ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

Expressing its concern at the establishment, by the Israeli occupying Power, of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including the settlements of new immigrants therein,

Welcoming the Middle East peace process started at Madrid on 30 October 1991 and recognizing that a complete freeze of settlement activity would significantly enhance the prospects for progress in this process,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

2. Deplores the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the other Arab territories occupied since 1967, and regards the settlements as illegal and an obstacle to peace;

2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

3/ A/48/188-E/1993/78.

3. Recognizes the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied by Israel since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan;

4. Strongly deplores Israel's practices in the occupied Palestinian territory and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, in particular its confiscation of land, its appropriation of water resources, its depletion of other economic resources and its displacement and deportation of the population of those territories;

5. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the occupied Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regards any infringement thereof as being without any legal validity;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION

Letter dated 27 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations Office in Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the European Community and its member States, I wish to bring to your attention the following comments regarding the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1993/85).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the letter and the attached comments to be circulated as an official document of the Economic and Social Council under agenda item 14 (Regional cooperation).

(Signed) A. REYN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON REGIONAL COOPERATION (E/1993/85)

The European Community and its member States have the following comments to make regarding the report:

(a) Procedural: the report was distributed at a very late stage in the discussion and could not be studied with due attention by delegations;

(b) As regards substance, the following comments are submitted:

(i) With reference to paragraph 6, decision B (48) should be adhered to; operative paragraph 7 reads "Requests the Executive-Secretary to present proposals on diversification of forms and methods ...";

(ii) With reference to paragraphs 15 and 19, decision K (48) should be adhered to, in particular operative paragraphs 1, 6 and 8. Notwithstanding other considerations, attention should be drawn to the requirement of appropriate financing ("provided that adequate financing, in cash and in kind, is made available, bearing in mind that resources may in part be made available from the United Nations General Assembly to the Commission ...");

(iii) In paragraph 77, the wording is ambiguous ("Support was expressed for the proposal ... to establish a regional environmental management centre for the chemical industry"). The text should be rewritten in the light of decision H (48), "Cooperation and sustainable development in the chemical industry", in particular operative paragraphs 2 and 4; It was understood that the final outcome would depend on the conclusions of the Working Party to be convened in October 1993;

(iv) With reference to paragraph 197, in particular the last sentence (... "ECE, which had for political reasons concentrated on economic issues, was now starting to develop a capacity for social questions.") it may be useful to recall the Commission's terms of reference. The Commission is essentially economic and in any case has not a sufficiently large budget to enable it to go beyond its terms of reference.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
POPULATION QUESTIONS

Preparations for the International Conference
on Population and Development

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in
paragraph 17 of the report of the Economic Committee (E/1993/112)

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31
of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3, the Economic and Social Council would decide to extend the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development by one week and ensure that adequate facilities are available for it within the approved budget limit set by the General Assembly for the biennium 1994-1995. The Council would also decide to convene a two-day pre-Conference consultation at the venue of the Conference.

2. The conference-servicing requirements for the proposed extension of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference would amount to US$ 462,400, estimated on a full-cost basis. These estimates are broken down as follows: pre-session documentation (US$ 161,100), in-session documentation (US$ 120,100), post-session documentation (US$ 110,100) and interpretation (US$ 71,100).

3. The conference-servicing requirements for the proposed two-day pre-Conference consultation are estimated, on a full-cost basis, at US$ 50,000.

4. It is also estimated that an amount of US$ 5,000 would be required to cover additional subsistence payments to the representatives of the regional commissions attending the third session. This additional cost would be absorbed from within the resources to be approved for the regional commissions in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

5. In accordance with established practice, the conference-servicing requirements referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above (US$ 512,400) were calculated on a full-cost basis for information purposes. These estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1994-1995 to be adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. It should be noted, however, that the 1994-1995 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings will be estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1994-1995 will be consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that, should the Economic and Social Council adopt the draft resolution under consideration, this resolution would have no programme budget implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

6. The above costs would be reported to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in the context of the revised estimates arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its current session.